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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Applicants. Applicants agree that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Applicants take no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Applicants have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Applicants as an indication of the basis for Applicants' belief that the claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Applicants to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Applicants agree with or acquiesces to the reasoning of the Examiner,

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here, by this document, Applicant is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

Respectfully submitted,

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